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Secretary of State,

Washington.

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In view of present conditions in Moscow and my estimate of what may be expected in the immediate future, I am of the opinion that the Department should not issue passports to women to proceed to Moscow even though they may be journalists. I have particular reference to the application of Helen Kirkpatrick and base my opinion on the situation already created by Alice (Mollified? moat)s.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

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June 4, 1940.

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A new letter is in on this
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Dear Mrs. Shipley:

I should appreciate it very much if there can be found some way in which cancelled passport no. 426230, issued to Anna L. Strong on May 27, 1937, may be retained. I note that on previous passports she has "accidentally obliterated" certain travel data in the documents.

The present passport is excellent in showing her wide-spread travels as a correspondent and her frequent visits to the Soviet Union between visits to other countries.

We have a mass of evidence, of course, with regard to the nature of her writings. We also have evidence of accusations by responsible persons that she is a Soviet agent. I never realized, however, that she travels so extensively, and the chronological account of her travels over a two-year period as portrayed in the cancelled passport might prove invaluable to the Department some day in the event her activities undergo investigation. It is of interest that her alleged employment by Federated Press was the basis for obtaining her passport to enter Spain and subsequently to go to China. Federated Press itself never had the money to subsidize such travels.

Mrs. Ruth Shipley, Passport Division

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I agree,
L.W.F.

R. Hunter 3/26/85

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